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NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

BUSINESS STATISTICS

(WITH SUPPLEMENT).

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1946.													
February ...	95	129	327	228	195	49	153	363	269	174	77	100	140
March ...	66	76	105	43	79	48	76	113	95	164	197	63	160
April ...	66	90	61	14	65	60	78	48	57	98	291	136	152
May ...	39	40	53	24	42	37	35	49	43	13	22	30	18
June ...	23	38	75	64	49	33	38	59	50	6	69	173	44
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2
August ...	2	13	60	8	25	1	14	60	41	20	3	19	16
September ...	203	68	15	156	99	160	47	10	39	101	76	52	88
October ...	34	63	51	17	46	24	61	46	47	103	51	66	85
November ...	84	77	191	73	116	71	100	196	155	45	66	225	73
December ...	78	83	98	116	90	72	88	102	94	79	77	34	72
1947													
January ...	77	21	8	7	31	51	27	8	18	190	75	31	140
February ...	271	271	176	462	261	263	257	175	207	198	242	160	204

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44, 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45 and 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. The current clip is being sold by auction under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of new wool.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
July ...	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503	83,715	76,207	68,696	73,503
August ...	105,532	113,506	110,161	66,310	189,247	189,713	178,857	139,813
September ...	158,065	73,356	132,093	206,309	347,312	263,069	310,950	346,122
October ...	173,622	129,588	183,001	209,694	520,934	392,657	493,951	555,816
November ...	128,231	166,656	174,501	128,416	649,105	559,313	668,452	684,232
December ...	94,774	111,713	47,412	67,454	743,939	671,026	715,864	751,686
January ...	135,652	101,888	44,883	22,200	879,591	772,914	760,747	773,886
February ...	60,931	24,884	23,146	17,611	940,522	797,798	783,893	791,497
March ...	43,493	23,799	28,966	...	984,015	821,597	812,859	...
April ...	42,000	20,854	36,385	...	1,026,015	842,451	849,244	...
May ...	51,274	34,410	40,424	...	1,077,289	876,870	889,668	...
June ...	56,870	41,007	36,141	...	1,134,159	917,877	925,809	...

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.*

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6

Preliminary estimate of the 1946-47 wheat yield is 16,000,000 bushels approximately.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Thousand lb.						
July	5,061	5,163	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641
August	5,361	5,346	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758
September	7,093	5,952	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254
October	10,107	7,499	8,626	8,433	7,557	4,446
November	13,128	11,275	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070
December	13,471	12,032	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372
January	12,310	13,044	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386
February	11,816	10,219	10,184	6,769	8,146	...
March	11,370	8,648	8,440	8,261	8,498	...
April	10,044	6,129	5,165	5,811	6,185	...
May	8,145	4,789	3,870	4,477	4,468	...
June	6,024	3,679	2,594	3,287	2,772	...
Year	113,930	93,775	87,857	71,722	74,280	...
Seven months ended Jan.	66,531	60,311	57,604	43,116	44,211	30,927

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Commonwealth Coal Commissioner.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1947 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
First... ..	18th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475
Second	15th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	820
Third	15th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	...
Fourth	12th April	886	843	782	755	839	...
Fifth	10th May	1,003	843	930	791	674	...
Sixth	7th June	965	907	866	914	906	...
Seventh	5th July	918	899	884	846	798	...
Eighth	2nd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	...
Ninth	30th Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911	...
Tenth	27th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975	...
Eleventh	25th Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017	...
Twelfth	22nd Nov.	965	939	891	869	976	...
Thirteenth	20th Dec.	886	904	906	508	932	...
52 weeks Total†		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above... ..		56	60	180	523	756	...
Period of 8 weeks ended*—	21st Feb.		20th Feb.	19th Feb.	17th Feb.	16th Feb.	15th Feb.
Northern District	1,125		1,132	964	957	902	850
Western District	233		208	201	240	207	208
Southern District*	306		336	233	310	270	237
Total (8 weeks)	1,664		1,676	1,398	1,507	1,379	1,295
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above... ..	...		6	14	59	83	96

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value.				
Monthly Average	£		£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	169,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	46,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	146,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
Month—							
1946—Feb.	113,185	655	784,006	194,449	792,306	299,334	1,091,640
1947—Jan.	163,052	742	1,234,267	412,864	1,258,267	551,916	1,810,183
Feb.	76,790	785	1,278,364	257,684	1,307,047	305,791	1,612,838
Eight months (July—Feb.)							
1945—46	265,294	4,307	4,726,643	954,879	4,738,148	1,208,668	5,946,816
1946—47	1,041,775	6,486	11,095,251	2,140,499	11,187,984	3,089,541	14,277,525

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales: New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.		
Quarterly Average—		£	£		£	£	£
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,096	35,659	4,151,369
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	618,083
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251
1946	1,496	1,599,803	312,566	1,198	1,347,792	116,450	7,894,158
December Quarter—							
1945	1,199	1,095,186	200,042	1,024	994,700	76,595	4,736,264
1946	1,518	1,728,811	366,217	1,081	1,338,394	105,152	8,878,966
Six months (July—Dec.)							
1945	1,933	1,610,426	335,827	1,874	1,642,913	127,004	7,732,805
1946	3,282	3,723,146	703,450	2,421	2,867,653	235,704	18,384,457

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below:—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)							
	Houses.			Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b)	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.). (c)	Total.
	New.		Alterations and Additions.					
	Brick.	Wood, Fibro, etc.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs.								
Monthly Average—								
1939	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1944	2,639	11,642	12,397	1,094	85,433	1,459	18,913	133,577
1945	149,698	160,728	31,025	3,680	61,641	4,775	27,729	439,276
1946	555,620	386,772	61,356	52,758	303,006	48,180	98,157	1,503,849
Month—								
1946—February ...	386,149	364,069	55,383	8,024	170,277	6,360	101,378	1,091,640
1947—January ...	645,589	324,927	67,170	85,535	489,712	18,151	179,099	1,810,183
February ...	708,877	345,550	62,630	63,259	312,384	40,290	79,848	1,612,838
Eight Months (July— Feb.)—								
1945-46	2,218,298	2,209,925	372,374	60,129	708,362	50,619	327,109	5,946,816
1946-47	5,176,460	3,011,638	529,536	668,191	3,341,909	539,722	1,010,069	14,277,525
129 Industrial and Rural Towns.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	165,886	439,089	79,029	36,997	28,847	92,367	223,066	1,065,281
1944	2,334	31,353	27,236	1,755	41,784	4,868	37,338	146,668
1945	69,520	345,649	64,606	2,749	53,182	13,512	53,905	603,123
1946	315,060	997,873	134,694	28,043	130,775	85,697	220,227	1,912,369
December Quarter—								
1945	183,353	786,905	110,480	4,984	85,171	20,392	103,943	1,295,228
1946	350,303	1,076,202	129,915	18,995	115,694	93,042	310,877	2,095,028
Six Months (July— Dec.)—								
1945	257,622	1,189,994	182,792	7,712	124,291	38,046	145,796	1,946,253
1946	772,395	2,230,511	294,014	51,556	266,720	209,892	600,398	4,426,596
7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.								
Quarterly Average—								
1939	97,086	117,190	19,726	6,910	1,170	7,348	25,810	275,160
1944	3,774	35,555	11,963	5	8,158	733	10,445	70,683
1945	110,370	388,520	35,281	945	3,831	1,703	13,581	554,301
1946	409,227	891,154	64,908	11,000	13,278	33,019	41,656	1,454,242
December Quarter—								
1945	214,485	772,495	57,634	2,200	330	4,341	19,810	1,071,295
1946	487,435	778,925	66,510	18,975	14,770	41,200	35,731	1,443,546
Six Months (July— Dec.)—								
1945	369,432	1,260,311	97,864	2,200	4,030	5,401	30,679	1,769,917
1946	964,511	1,762,392	147,303	32,225	36,020	80,980	81,926	3,103,357

(a) Includes conversions to flats. (b) Includes shops with dwellings attached. (c) Revised by exclusion of garages added to existing houses.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised:—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of February.			Eight Months ended February.		
	*1945.	*1946.	1947.	*1945.	*1946.	1947.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sydney and Suburbs	156,200	218,685	370,955	1,302,883	2,762,754	3,022,317
Remainder of State...	110,232	222,114	227,560	2,104,022	1,301,290	1,961,942
Total, N.S. Wales ...	266,432	440,799	598,515	3,406,905	4,064,044	4,983,959

*Revised.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Million £.									
Year.	200·29	202·79	229·03	238·65	240·54	251·40	251·74	299·76	...
January ...	13·24	16·33	15·83	18·69	17·18	18·01	18·62	17·62	21·70
February ...	16·54	14·64	17·48	19·39	21·60	20·48	21·48	21·72	...
March ...	15·78	16·97	17·40	19·53	19·44	18·00	21·75	22·33	...
April ...	15·79	17·88	19·06	19·19	21·88	21·68	20·81	26·88	...
May ...	17·46	14·85	18·75	20·72	19·56	21·45	22·24	25·21	...
June ...	14·88	17·07	21·76	18·93	20·91	20·67	19·40	23·58	...
July ...	15·28	16·74	17·63	19·17	19·81	20·87	22·01	25·74	...
August ...	16·81	17·17	20·41	20·86	18·75	23·82	20·22	28·74	...
September ...	19·44	17·48	21·60	19·59	19·93	21·46	23·72	28·97	...
October ...	19·22	18·50	18·25	22·06	20·80	21·82	22·36	26·56	...
November ...	17·53	18·13	20·58	19·54	21·07	20·30	} 39·13 {	24·65	...
December ...	18·32	17·03	20·28	20·98	19·61	22·84		27·76	...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1938	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942	304	303	— 5·3	+ 9·2	— 5·1	— 8·4		
1943	303	306	— 11·3	— 6·8	— 9·7	— 17·6		
1944	306	302	+ 3·2	— 0·2	+ 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
1946	301	302	+ 32·2	+ 3·8	+ 28·0	+ 20·0		
1946.								
January	25	25	+ 24·6	— 6·3	+ 16·9	+ 14·8	+ 27·1	+ 16·0
February	24	24	+ 37·4	— 9·6	+ 20·5	+ 19·4	+ 25·0	+ 18·2
March	26	26	+ 47·8	— 11·4	+ 21·1	+ 19·9	+ 37·2	+ 19·5
April	24	22	+ 47·2	— 13·0	+ 32·1	+ 20·2	+ 44·7	+ 24·6
May	26	27	+ 51·8	— 12·9	+ 29·4	+ 20·1	+ 49·0	+ 27·4
June	25	23	+ 9·6	— 7·5	+ 29·9	+ 21·0	+ 35·3	+ 30·4
July	26	27	+ 25·5	+ 1·4	+ 32·8	+ 21·6	+ 28·7	+ 30·7
August	25	27	+ 45·4	+ 7·9	+ 31·9	+ 23·4	+ 26·9	+ 31·6
September	25	25	+ 31·6	+ 11·6	+ 35·9	+ 21·8	+ 34·6	+ 33·5
October	26	26	+ 28·0	+ 21·3	+ 23·4	+ 19·2	+ 34·8	+ 30·2
November	26	26	+ 14·2	+ 28·6	+ 28·7	+ 21·7	+ 23·8	+ 29·1
December	23	24	+ 33·0	+ 37·9	+ 31·4	+ 17·2	+ 25·0	+ 28·0
1947.								
January	25	25	+ 16·7	+ 39·4	+ 34·6	+ 19·7	+ 21·9	+ 31·5

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 26.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of February.			Eight Months ended 28th February.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945 ...	2,430,019	1,904,866	525,153	21,167,950	15,831,865	5,336,085
1946 ...	2,500,351	1,962,194	538,157	20,580,906	15,820,247	4,760,659
1947 ...	2,381,075	2,140,373	240,702	20,316,118	16,446,302	3,869,816

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,030,000 in year 1945-46.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of February.		Eight Months ended 28th February.	
	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods and Livestock.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1945 ...	1,543	20,775	12,704	166,641
1946 ...	1,380	21,944	10,653	174,371
1947 ...	1,352	20,420	11,623	171,124

* Partly estimated.

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of February—						
1945 ...	413,600	48,700	39,247	44,600	8,200	3,633
1946 ...	425,200	18,500	40,547	45,300	3,800	3,770
1947 ...	426,100	(-) 5,900	39,340	45,900	100	3,500
Eight months ended 28th February—						
1945 ...	3,497,400	351,000	333,824	372,000	55,200	30,368
1946 ...	3,486,500	118,600	331,921	371,400	27,100	30,954
1947 ...	3,628,300	(-) 17,800	335,091	392,700	3,500	30,804

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £488,486 in year 1945-46.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1946.			1947.	
	31st August.	30th June.*	28th February.	28th February.	31st August.	31st December.	31st January.	28th February.
Cars	216,633	169,916	184,848	189,640	191,701	195,453	196,053	196,636
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	81,169	90,960	100,076	106,598	107,709	108,785
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	8,755	10,480	11,334	12,964	13,531	13,784
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,566	1,646	1,886	2,118	2,177	2,190	2,217
Cycles—Solo	17,111	10,538	11,726	14,083	16,216	17,940	18,224	18,565
Cycles—Side-car	6,884	4,785	3,946	4,692	5,053	5,559	5,609	5,657
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,013	1,058	1,071	1,103	1,103	1,112
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,531	1,352	1,352	1,357	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,364
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	631	765	938	1,077	1,084	1,097
Total ...	329,219	267,768	295,086	314,921	329,865	344,229	346,861	349,217

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.§

Year.	Cars (Including Taxi-cabs and Omnibuses).						Lorries, Utilities, Vans and Tractors.					
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
1942-43	16	21	18	12	7	19	7	4	5	2	6	8
1943-44	4	6	4	5	3	5	60	64	86	94	67	74
1944-45	6	6	10	9	5	6	66	53	65	58	38	48
1945-46	6	7	5	5	3	4	38	60	60	58	35	56
1946-47	194	196	194	203	127	195	116	111	104	98	73	107

§ Ex-Service vehicles are not included.

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

End of Month.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
July	506,566	546,856	559,106	573,078	580,747
August	508,292	549,939	562,063	572,893	583,172
September	509,332	554,227	563,425	568,280	585,985
October	515,228	555,450	561,504	571,656	588,321
November	519,375	557,140	562,093	573,637	591,001
December	523,920	558,381	560,717	571,790	598,643
January	527,733	556,775	564,184	570,080	608,306
February	533,597	561,066	563,702	570,952	606,880
March	536,795	560,665	563,791	573,205	.....
April	537,319	561,638	567,295	576,218	.....
May	543,419	563,277	571,616	575,144	.....
June	552,044	560,032	572,697	575,864	.....

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	49'37	66'38	Invalid, Old Age Pensions ...	18'26	19'67
Sales	20'88	26'46	Widows' Pensions ...	2'04	2'26
Income	113'01	108'47	Child Endowment ...	11'75	12'89
Payroll	7'49	9'12	Hospital Benefits ...	...	2'90
Estate	2'38	2'45	Other	2'93	3'34
Entertainments ...	3'31	3'43	Payments to States ...	10'66	13'80
Other	1'52	1'19	Tax Reimbursed to States	13'59	20'97
Total Taxes	197'96	217'50	Post Office	13'38	14'42
Post Office	18'79	19'54	Other	30'95	46'91
Other	7'00	8'31	Total	103'50	137'16
Total Revenue	223'75	245'35	Defence and Post War—		
			Revenue	126'00	110'43
			Loan	178'43	10'70
			Total Expenditure ...	407'93	258'29

* Includes expenditure from balance held in National Welfare Fund £5,753,000 in 1945-46 and £2,235,000 in 1946-47.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY.

Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.	Expenditure.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£ 000	£ 000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,945	1,945	ing Fund	11,395	11,084
Reimbursement of Taxes...	6,391	8,785	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	...	726	Activities	880	1,043
Stamp and Probate Duty	3,315	3,760	Net Debt Charges ...	10,515	10,041
Other Taxes	860	876	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	925	1,138	Governmental	14,478	16,648
Services	885	974	Business Undertakings	20,027	21,173
Other	2,951	2,732	Total		
Total Governmental	17,272	20,936			
Business Undertakings	25,524	25,874			
Total Revenue	42,796	46,810	Total Expenditure ...	45,020	47,862

Loan expenditure on works and services during the eight months ended February was gross £4,197,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £4,020,000 in 1946-47, compared with gross £2,294,000 and net £1,570,000 in 1945-46.

Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.4	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1945—46						
November ...	591.4	38.4	61.5	113.0	227.3	210.1
December ...	606.3	42.2	66.9	115.7	230.0	208.9
January ...	614.2	44.0	71.8	117.0	232.7	208.7
February ...	628.6	44.4	72.4	119.0	243.0	207.7
1946—47						
November ...	623.5	37.3	24.5	100.5	256.6	258.1
December ...	635.0	42.4	24.8	90.6	263.2	261.1
January ...	641.9	46.6	28.5	86.3	267.8	263.6
February ...	650.4	41.8	36.4	84.3	271.6	264.7

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 overseas banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances.	Deposits.			Advances.
	Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.		Non-Government.		Total, including Govt.	
	Fixed.	Current.			Fixed.	Current.		
million £.								
1946—February ...	80.2	191.3	276.7	106.2	219.1	468.3	699.4	244.9
August ...	76.2	196.6	275.7	123.1	207.1	468.1	687.4	280.7
September ...	76.3	200.5	279.6	126.0	206.4	475.9	694.0	285.6
October ...	77.3	202.5	282.4	129.6	206.1	479.9	696.9	294.0
November ...	76.7	202.8	281.5	132.6	205.0	481.5	696.6	300.0
December ...	77.0	206.2	286.3	133.0	204.7	492.4	708.4	303.5
1947—January ...	76.3	208.3	286.9	134.6	203.5	497.7	713.5	307.7
February ...	75.8	210.3	288.2	135.6	203.0	508.6	723.6	308.6

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by monthly averages in *Australia* of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by quarterly averages in *New South Wales* of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.	September Quarter.	Deposits.		Advances.
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.			Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	
million £.							
1939 ...	113.6	114.9	122.5	1943	169.1	172.3	93.5
1940 ...	126.1	128.1	117.6	1944	200.9	203.6	85.1
1941 ...	134.4	137.3	113.7	1945	217.8	219.8	85.9
1942 ...	142.1	145.3	106.9				

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
1935 ...	77,906	March ...	86,269	154,154	187,894	230,420
1936 ...	80,000	April ...	86,222	156,025	189,566	230,920
1937 ...	81,952	May ...	86,097	157,045	192,884	232,221
1938 ...	86,016	June† ...	87,474	162,867	198,203	236,242
1939 ...	87,474	July ...	87,201	166,751	200,932	237,305
1940 ...	82,111	August ...	86,957	170,104	204,794	236,985
1941 ...	87,750	September ...	86,557	173,037	207,520	235,806
1942 ...	94,538	October ...	86,751	173,981	209,906	234,804
1943 ...	122,405	November ...	86,684	176,748	214,806	233,006
1944 ...	162,867	December ...	86,581	179,128	219,560	231,311
1945 ...	198,203	January ...	86,716	181,801	224,705	230,924
1946 ...	236,242	February ...	87,167	184,725	228,711	230,544

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £21,223,815 at 28th February, 1947, including £45,066 net receipts in February.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	92.0	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.3	98	123	136	150	152	154	196
February ...	75.5	97.1	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	96	123	139	147	149	157	194
March ...	80.5	102.6	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	...	93	119	138	146	145	164	...
April ...	70.7	95.4	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	...	98	125	150	150	154	176	...
May ...	82.0	98.9	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	...	100	125	155	158	160	184	...
June ...	80.3	116.6	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	...	101	133	163	166	169	195	...
July ...	71.2	99.7	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	...	98	130	155	168	167	206	...
August ...	74.9	99.0	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	...	99	135	160	169	168	214	...
September ...	74.9	105.6	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	...	99	134	155	163	166	217	...
October ...	78.0	115.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	...	100	138	152	159	166	216	...
November ...	86.1	105.0	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	...	102	135	149	153	164	211	...
December ...	91.7	121.6	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	...	106	136	150	152	159	208	...
Year ...	932.3	1248.5	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	...	100	131	151	156	160	196	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—				
			Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.	
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Long- dated.	Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.	10 years and over.		
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'71	3'76	...	...
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'87	3'92	...	...
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'25	3'30	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2'45	2'95	3'10	...	...
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years.	7 years.	12 years.	2'47	3'23
1942	5'4	4'9	2'42	2'87	3'13	2'45	3'24
1943	5'0	4'7	2'39	2'89	3'11	2'48	3'23
1944	5'0	4'4	2'43	2'72	...	2'45	3'24
1945	4'8	4'4	2'30	2'60	...	2'47	3'25
1946	4'5	4'3	2'27	2'57	...	1'90	3'24
Months—			1'99	2'64	...		
1946—March ...	4'7	4'3	1'97	2'62	...	1'82	3'24
June	4'4	4'3	1'98	2'74	...	1'78	3'25
September ...	4'4	4'3	1'94	2'51	...	1'88	3'25
October	4'4	4'4	1'96	2'50	...	1'91	3'25
November ...	4'5	4'4	1'99	2'56	...	1'92	3'23
December ...	4'5	4'4	2'01	2'77	...	1'96	3'21
1947—January ...	4'5	4'4	1'98	2'85	...	2'02	3'20
February ...	4'5	4'3	2'01	2'71	...	2'01	3'18

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

§ Subsequent yields uncertain.

22. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939†.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	1,591	595	383	608	1,078	1,859
February ...	2,438	1,204	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	1,841	390	611	593	1,179	2,031
March ...	3,623	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	...	2,225	503	663	688	1,047	...
April ...	2,245	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	...	2,025	536	302	526	1,431	...
May ...	3,090	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	...	2,112	381	495	606	1,041	...
June ...	3,613	1,358	1,809	2,373	3,593	...	1,658	400	687	864	1,708	...
July ...	2,919	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	...	1,950	399	543	902	1,622	...
August ...	3,068	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	...	2,770	450	723	861	2,352	...
September ...	2,934	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	...	1,501	432	597	1,005	2,328	...
October ...	2,330	1,549	1,654	3,260	5,826	...	1,713	618	634	1,128	2,161	...
November ...	2,381	1,558	1,899	3,106	5,180	...	1,702	558	529	1,072	2,163	...
December ...	2,067	1,592	1,708	2,195	4,105	...	1,344	494	699	899	2,473	...
Year ...	32,157	17,542	19,462	28,293	50,677	...	22,444	5,756	6,866	9,752	21,183	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

23. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of February.			Two Months ended 28th February.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945	160,505	109,526	87,584	232,819	208,208	156,427
1946	79,987	109,764	102,685	120,819	209,353	161,493
1947	130,881	172,537	73,178	261,674	255,668	140,067

See note under Table 22. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
April, 1929	179.3	183.8	129.4	174.1	243.5	174.4	172.6
Sept., 1931	72.3	60.2	87.9	75.2	121.3	74.4	77.2
Mar., 1937	213.8	203.8	181.0	169.2	281.2	190.4	200.5
1946-Jan. ...	266.0	225.8	182.1	153.0	291.5	212.8	229.0
Feb. ...	266.2	226.5	182.3	154.0	291.5	213.0	229.2
Mar. ...	267.3	227.6	184.0	157.2	292.6	213.5	230.3
April ...	278.9	236.8	190.2	161.8	306.2	221.5	240.1
May ...	280.5	239.5	191.1	162.8	306.9	222.8	241.2
June ...	280.5	239.4	190.9	161.0	306.9	222.3	240.8
July ...	280.5	239.5	190.5	161.6	306.9	222.3	240.6
Aug. ...	285.7	244.6	193.6	165.1	312.2	226.2	244.5
Sept. ...	290.5	250.1	196.2	163.7	322.5	229.9	247.1
Oct. ...	289.0	251.9	196.4	159.4	322.5	229.3	245.6
Nov. ...	290.0	251.8	195.9	158.0	322.5	229.1	245.7
Dec. ...	292.4	251.6	197.3	160.7	322.5	229.7	247.2
1947-Jan. ...	307.8	280.0	202.9	165.5	343.8	243.8	259.6
Feb. ...	313.0	298.9	195.0	160.3	360.3	246.4	260.4

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard). per oz.		Lead. per ton.		Zinc (Electrolytic). per ton.		Tin (Standard). per ton.		Gold (Fine). per oz.	
	s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938 ...	2	0.14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939 ...	2	1.42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940 ...	2	2.95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941 ...	2	4.26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942 ...	2	4.66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943 ...	2	4.63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944 ...	2	4.63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945 ...	2	10.59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946 ...	4	8.02	56	8 6	55	0 2	355	1 8	10	15 3
1946—August ...	5	2.91	62	9 1	54	16 8	354	19 5	10	15 3
September ...	5	4.17	63	12 7	59	12 4	354	19 5	10	15 3
October ...	5	4.17	66	16 6	61	19 0	354	19 5	10	15 3
November ...	5	4.17	69	10 1	62	13 8	354	19 5	10	15 3
December ...	5	4.17	71	13 0	61	13 6	354	19 5	10	15 3
1947—January ...	5	4.17	77	14 10	66	1 1	354	19 5	10	15 3

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

26. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on Civilian Registers and returns supplied monthly by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax as from July, 1941. Employees in defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Estimated Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Estimated Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (a)	Private Employers. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)		Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
					Gov'tal Munitions and Aircraft.	Other.				
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103.2	277.5	380.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136.5	393.4	529.9	...	0.6	158.2	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	141.5	404.8	546.3	25.8	10.2	191.9	78.2	41.3	43.3	52.5
1942—July ...	158.6	376.0	534.6	25.4	21.6	191.7	80.3	32.3	36.0	45.0
1943—July ...	156.6	365.4	522.0	25.1	26.8	191.0	81.5	28.7	33.2	43.3
1944—July ...	152.4	369.7	522.1	24.4	20.1	197.5	84.1	28.4	34.2	45.4
1945—July ...	156.5	377.5	534.0	24.6	14.8	199.8	88.0	29.9	35.9	47.6
1946—Feb. ...	159.4	409.9	569.3	24.9	6.6	216.1	93.5	36.3	43.6	53.5
Mar. ...	162.1	418.4	580.5	24.9	6.5	219.6	94.5	37.6	45.5	54.9
April ...	163.4	421.1	584.5	24.2	5.8	222.1	94.3	38.6	45.8	55.9
May ...	166.7	431.5	598.2	25.1	5.6	226.4	96.0	39.4	48.2	57.4
June ...	168.9	436.9	605.8	25.3	5.4	228.2	98.8	40.3	49.0	57.7
July ...	170.2	442.2	612.4	25.3	...	235.2	99.3	41.8	50.3	58.5
Aug. ...	170.4	448.7	619.1	25.4	...	238.1	99.9	42.0	51.4	59.3
Sept. ...	170.2	453.7	623.9	25.7	...	239.5	100.5	42.6	52.3	60.0
Oct. ...	170.9	458.1	629.0	25.8	...	241.2	100.2	43.5	52.5	60.9
Nov. ...	171.7	461.6	633.3	26.7	...	241.2	100.9	44.7	52.7	61.3
Dec. ...	172.7	460.9	633.6	26.0	...	239.4	100.8	46.0	53.0	61.7
1947—Jan. ...	173.5	465.6	639.1	25.9	...	242.4*	101.7*	45.0	53.4	62.5
Feb. ...	174.9	465.3	640.2	25.9	...	241.4	101.5	44.7	53.9	62.9
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16.8	109.0	125.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19.4	148.6	168.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21.7	192.4	214.1	0.2	0.7	75.3	8.1	40.9	17.6	57.0
1942—July ...	29.3	203.6	232.9	0.2	3.9	80.9	9.0	41.1	20.7	58.9
1943—July ...	45.8	204.1	249.9	0.2	13.2	81.4	12.9	38.5	20.5	62.3
1944—July ...	45.5	206.1	251.6	0.2	9.1	82.5	13.9	37.2	20.4	65.7
1945—July ...	43.3	208.8	252.1	0.2	5.4	81.0	14.6	39.2	20.6	68.5
1946—Feb. ...	36.3	208.8	245.1	0.2	1.1	78.8	13.8	40.7	20.5	70.6
Mar. ...	35.4	211.4	246.8	0.2	1.1	80.2	13.4	41.0	20.5	71.4
April ...	34.9	210.6	245.5	0.2	0.9	79.7	13.2	40.6	20.4	71.8
May ...	34.4	213.1	247.5	0.2	0.9	80.9	13.1	40.9	20.5	72.4
June ...	33.4	213.3	246.7	0.2	0.8	81.4	13.1	40.8	20.5	72.2
July ...	32.9	214.3	247.2	0.2	...	83.1	12.6	40.9	20.6	72.2
Aug. ...	32.3	215.0	247.3	0.2	...	83.2	12.5	40.5	20.9	72.7
Sept. ...	32.1	217.1	249.2	0.2	...	83.9	12.3	41.1	21.0	73.4
Oct. ...	31.6	219.3	250.9	0.2	...	84.6	12.1	41.3	21.5	74.1
Nov. ...	31.3	222.2	253.5	0.2	...	85.5	12.0	43.0	21.4	74.5
Dec. ...	31.2	223.6	254.8	0.2	...	84.9	11.9	44.8	21.3	74.6
1947—Jan. ...	31.8	220.9	252.7	0.2	...	83.8*	12.2*	43.3	21.2	74.7
Feb. ...	31.9	221.2	253.1	0.2	...	84.9	12.4	42.0	21.4	74.8
TOTAL. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120.0	386.5	506.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155.9	542.0	697.9	...	0.6	217.5	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163.2	597.2	760.4	26.0	10.9	267.2	86.3	82.2	60.9	109.5
1942—July ...	187.9	579.6	767.5	25.6	25.5	272.6	89.3	73.4	56.7	104.0
1943—July ...	202.4	569.5	771.9	25.3	40.0	272.4	94.4	67.2	53.7	105.6
1944—July ...	197.9	575.8	773.7	24.6	29.2	280.0	98.0	65.6	54.6	111.1
1945—July ...	199.8	586.3	786.1	24.8	20.2	280.8	102.6	69.1	56.5	116.1
1946—Feb. ...	195.7	618.7	814.4	25.1	7.7	294.9	107.3	77.0	64.1	124.1
Mar. ...	197.5	629.8	827.3	25.1	7.6	299.8	107.9	78.6	66.0	126.3
April ...	198.3	631.7	830.0	24.4	6.7	301.8	107.5	79.2	66.2	127.7
May ...	201.1	644.6	845.7	25.3	6.5	307.3	109.1	80.3	68.7	129.8
June ...	202.3	650.2	852.5	25.5	6.2	309.6	111.9	81.1	69.5	129.9
July ...	203.1	656.5	859.6	25.5	...	318.3	111.9	82.7	70.9	130.7
Aug. ...	202.7	663.7	866.4	25.6	...	321.3	112.4	82.5	72.3	132.0
Sept. ...	202.3	670.8	873.1	25.9	...	323.4	112.8	83.7	73.3	133.4
Oct. ...	202.5	677.4	879.9	26.0	...	325.8	112.3	84.8	74.0	135.0
Nov. ...	203.0	683.8	886.8	26.3	...	326.7	112.9	87.7	74.1	135.8
Dec. ...	203.9	684.5	888.4	26.2	...	324.3	112.7	90.8	74.3	136.3
1947—Jan. ...	205.3	686.5	891.8	26.1	...	326.2*	113.9*	88.3	74.6	137.2
Feb. ...	206.8	686.5	893.3	26.1	...	326.3	113.9	86.7	75.3	137.7

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Government Authorities and of Allied Governments.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers from July, 1945, are subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

* Revised.

27. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	141	164	155	173	165	170
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	142	145	159	161	174	181	201
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	143	146	164	165	171	185	...
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	141	147	164	162	172	189	...
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	146	144	166	172	178	192	...
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	150	154	174	176	176	197	...
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	149	158	171	177	184	195	...
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	151	157	181	181	177	195	...
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	151	158	171	172	180	201	...
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	154	163	162	169	174	203	...
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	152	161	164	171	179	200	...
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	153	165	163	169	123	180	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	148	154	167	170	172	191	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

28. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,039	1,042	1,463	1,176	1,154	23'7
December ...	1,015	1,042	1,449	1,179	1,143	22'5
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22'5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22'8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22'4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22'0
June... ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22'3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

29. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
† 1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947...	108 0				107 0			

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 30th September, 1946, was 2,929,447 or 39·2 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943. 1,398,170).

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31st March, 1947.

SUPPLEMENT.

1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages—Years 1939 to 1946.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year (a).	Live Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Mean Population.			Infantile Mortality. Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.
			Total.	Under 1 year.		Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.				
1939.....	2,762,789	48,003	26,815	1,969	25,471	17·47	9·76	9·27	41·0
1941.....	2,802,014	51,729	27,300	2,264	29,983	18·53	9·78	10·74	43·8
1942.....	2,833,133	52,647	(b)29,219	2,116	34,533	18·68	10·37	11·25	40·2
1943.....	2,854,862	57,265	(b)28,870	2,072	26,302	20·16	10·16	9·26	36·2
1944.....	2,884,848	59,612	(b)26,652	1,829	26,426	20·76	9·28	9·20	30·7
1945.....	2,912,791	61,662	(b)26,994	1,889	25,283	21·27	9·31	8·72	30·6
1946(c) ..	2,929,447(d)	67,249	(b)28,586	2,031	31,684	22·99	9·77	10·83	30·2

(a) Including persons enlisted in armed forces wherever located.
(d) 30th September.

(b) Civilians only.

(c) Preliminary.

2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939 to 1946.

Year.	Metropolis.				Remainder of State.			
	Quarter ended—				Quarter ended—			
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770
1941	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061
1942	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849
1943	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223
1944	4,389	4,427	3,960	4,272	2,294	2,571	2,324	2,186
1945	3,943	4,008	3,723	4,346	2,306	2,356	2,163	2,438
1946	5,176	5,124	4,345	(a)4,942	3,030	3,081	2,853	(a) 3,133

(a) Preliminary.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

3. Factories—Years ended June, 1939 to 1946.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Establishments	9,464	9,919	10,166	10,110	10,755	11,359	12,287
Persons Employed, Average*—							
Males	167,172	194,194	216,856	223,669	226,824	223,770	227,454
Females	61,609	71,557	81,389	91,865	96,208	90,908	83,416
Total	228,781	265,751	298,245	315,534	323,032	314,678	310,870
Proportion of Total Employes—	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Males	73·07	73·07	72·71	70·89	70·22	71·11	73·17
Females	26·93	26·93	27·29	29·11	29·78	28·89	26·83
Book Value of—	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Land, Buildings... ..	57,354	61,887	65,016	72,623	78,978	81,059	80,308
Plant and Machinery	62,693	68,533	70,612	73,122	73,804	73,039	72,561
Value of Materials and Fuel used	128,153	170,873	200,698	219,907	236,412	227,784	213,913
Output	218,419	285,917	339,488	373,489	399,138	387,659	367,092
Production (Value added to Raw Materials)	90,266	115,044	138,790	153,582	162,726	159,875	153,179
Salaries and Wages Paid†—							
Males	38,272	49,540	64,850	74,554	77,087	73,935	73,380
Females	6,334	8,220	10,908	14,346	16,431	15,308	14,267
Total	44,606	57,760	75,758	88,900	93,518	89,243	87,647
Average Salary and Wages†—	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
Males	238 15	265 5	309 14	344 12	352 0	342 17	335 7
Females	103 13	115 16	134 19	157 5	172 1	169 16	172 13
Total	201 13	224 1	261 0	289 0	297 7	291 17	290 15

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

4. Government and Private Factories—Years 1938-39 to 1945-46.

Year ended 30th June.	Government Factories.*				Private Factories.			
	Establish- ments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †	Establish- ments.	Employees. ‡	Salaries and Wages paid.	Net Value of Production. †
	No.	No.	£000	£000	No.	No.	£000	£000
1939	72	16,206	4,098	5,618	9,392	215,594	40,508	84,648
1940	72	17,226	4,529	6,310	9,386	222,126	43,164	90,299
1941	78	21,230	5,999	8,118	9,841	246,650	51,761	106,926
1942	118	28,411	9,244	12,084	10,048	273,709	66,513	126,706
1943	141	38,251	13,288	16,717	9,969	280,066	75,612	136,865
1944	146	40,665	14,034	17,266	10,609	285,491	79,484	145,460
1945	135	33,989	11,866	14,873	11,224	283,198	77,377	145,002
1946	101	29,162	9,494	12,500	12,186	286,612	78,153	140,679

* Factories and workshops owned and operated by State and Commonwealth Governments (including railway workshops, printing offices, munition factories, etc., but excluding annexes operated by private companies on behalf of the Government).

† Before deducting depreciation and various overhead charges.

‡ Average during period of operation, including working proprietors.

5. Factories—Classes of Industry, 1945-46.

Class of Industry.	No. of Establish- ments.	Persons Employed. *	Salaries and Wages Paid. †	Value of Materials Fuel and Power Used.	Value of Output.	Value of Production. ‡
			£000	£000	£000	£000
Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	225	4,376	1,364	3,953	6,353	2,400
Bricks, Pottery and Glass, etc.	194	7,466	2,213	2,264	5,574	3,310
Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paint, Oil and Grease	445	13,164	3,969	16,646	28,025	11,379
Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple- ments and Conveyances	3,530	136,602	42,478	77,320	139,890	62,570
Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	126	1,110	281	352	817	465
Textiles and Textile Goods (not Dress)	290	18,341	4,263	11,199	18,608	7,409
Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	307	6,385	1,734	4,983	7,829	2,846
Clothing	2,287	37,651	7,316	12,425	24,475	12,050
Food, Drink and Tobacco	2,037	35,474	9,736	53,493	76,033	28,540
Woodworking and Basketware	1,188	13,499	3,586	8,260	14,025	5,765
Furniture, Bedding, etc.	370	4,987	1,375	2,586	4,761	2,175
Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book- binding, etc.	686	16,959	4,886	8,996	17,466	8,470
Rubber	118	3,990	1,255	3,906	5,492	1,586
Musical Instruments	16	311	89	70	215	145
Miscellaneous	329	6,407	1,579	2,407	5,174	2,767
Heat, Light and Power	139	4,148	1,523	5,053	12,355	7,302
Total	12,287	310,870	87,647	213,913	367,092	153,179

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

† Excluding drawings by working proprietors

‡ Value of output at factory less value of materials and fuel used.

6. Factory Employees*—Years 1938-39 to 1945-46.

Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Bricks, Glass etc.	8,312	8,071	8,683	8,405	6,124	5,669	6,212	7,466
Chemicals, Paints, Oils	8,187	8,608	9,782	10,593	11,278	11,788	12,220	13,164
Metal Trades	82,452	86,841	105,597	132,444	158,113	163,023	151,076	136,602
Textiles (not dress)	15,089	16,848	19,685	21,049	21,366	20,383	19,426	18,341
Skins, Leather	4,306	4,847	5,579	5,618	5,438	6,016	5,854	6,385
Clothing and Footwear	38,019	32,622	33,866	34,367	31,637	32,188	34,668	37,651
Food, Drink, Tobacco	28,514	29,244	30,584	32,055	32,212	32,662	34,152	35,474
Sawmilling etc.	9,995	9,985	11,054	12,132	11,998	12,815	12,902	13,499
Furniture, Bedding	6,140	5,743	5,841	5,350	4,035	3,920	4,010	4,987
Paper, Printing	17,290	17,470	17,294	17,155	15,380	15,095	15,834	16,959
Other	16,477	16,605	17,786	19,077	17,953	18,473	18,313	20,342
Total	228,781	236,974	265,751	298,245	315,534	323,032	314,678	310,870

* Average during whole year, including working proprietors.

7. Principal Articles Manufactured in New South Wales. Years ended June 1939, 1945 and 1946.

Articles.	1938-39.		1944-45.		1945-46.*	
	Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works.	Quantity.	Value at Works.
Aerated Waters ...	gal.	9,312,068	£ 813,971	£ 12,959,256	£ 1,300,875	£ 12,435,050
Bacon and Ham ...	lb.	21,721,914	†	† 38,846,580	†	† 37,494,332
Beer and Stout ...	gal.	33,899,023	3,465,199	39,033,673	3,889,344	39,073,817
Biscuits ...	lb.	44,559,455	1,635,323	67,001,417	2,484,539	49,635,791
Blankets ...	pairs	106,447	113,668	159,367	256,417	107,198
Boots and Shoes ...	...	4,767,236	2,251,164	6 803,506	4,298,109	6,136,741
Bricks and Firebricks ...	No.	398,306,090	1,576,450	92,792,000	876,527	163,325,856
Butter ...	lb.	113,840,734	7,103,194	71,721,764	5,043,491	74,280,087
Cement ...	tons	432,487	1,447,542	327,830	980,215	320,556
Cheese ...	lb.	7,193,022	271,621	4,399,847	219,687	4,857,690
Cigarettes ...	...	4,496,428	2,254,936	5,870,132	3,828,185	5,524,816
Cloth—Woolen and Worsted	sq. yds.	12,373,749	2,341,092	14,152,297	3,815,298	12,620,939
" Cotton	...	1,908,920	244,667	12,791,137	2,059,669	9,675,381
Coke ...	tons	1,548,521	1,639,684	1,709,853	2,636,819	1,470,149
Confectionery ...	lb.	48,799,175	2,900,841	58,549,851	3,564,769	55,554,339
Electric Light and Power	1000 units	1,948,489	5,602,877	2,877,336	8,390,734	2,831,801
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	sq. yds.	2,671,076	39,631	494,117	71,765	1,632,041
Flour ...	tons	547,162	3,866,163	516,168	5,348,795	451,701
Gas ...	1000 cub. ft.	10,896,185	1,546,562	14,923,531	2,495,467	15,301,710
Hats and Caps ...	No.	4,187,100	†	3,307,486	†	†
Ice ...	tons	232,747	438,157	382,103	767,280	424,219
Ice Cream ...	gal.	2,232,760	773,761	4,686,707	1,209,888	4,874,570
Iron and Steel—Pig Iron	tons	1,104,605	2,664,276	1,117,709	4,842,923	852,197
" Steel Ingots	...	1,169,249	4,213,220	1,345,626	8,032,846	1,054,483
Jams and Preserves—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jams	lb.	20,634,787	528,049	43,351,987	1,365,348	46,182,769
Preserved Fruit	...	28,387,122	507,032	13,456,695	387,216	21,762,420
Preserved Vegetables	...	4,902,288	170,092	43,407,345	1,472,918	36,926,172
Dehydrated Vegetables	...	...	...	6,025,100	724,374	4,140,138
Leather—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sole and Harness	lb.	11,119,157	664,810	12,325,997	981,359	13,277,233
Dressed, etc.	sq. ft.	26,058,549	1,100,073	36,810,268	1,884,258	34,731,943
Linseed Oil	gal.	2,153,127	409,916	2,419,704	955,854	3,288,093
Margarine	lb.	26,967,332	729,319	58,014,915	2,278,633	39,480,234
Meat, Tinned	...	3,377,960	124,251	27,830,484	1,742,202	26,542,804
Milk—Condensed	...	3,815,546	89,013	6,514,023	213,536	5,674,337
" Concentrated	...	2,332,097	39,619	18,448,198	328,736	19,510,583
" Powdered and Malted	...	4,730,908	198,981	10,334,451	615,272	17,443,169
Motor Bodies	No.	5,576	486,865	4,986	632,749	1,418
Paint	gal.	1,694,656	1,060,310	2,228,096	1,664,069	2,077,090
Soap	cwt.	487,692	1,179,467	544,096	1,675,729	532,426
Socks and Stockings	doz. pairs	1,055,219	804,032	809,458	961,248	728,376
Sugar—Raw	tons	45,106	747,502	26,423	535,745	21,228
Timber—Native—Softwood	sup. ft.	49,840,052	†	75,769,327	†	72,082,499
" Hardwood	...	129,510,433	†	170,203,823	†	180,024,508
Tobacco	lb.	10,755,820	3,738,704	11,258,655	4,472,090	11,548,326
Tyres—Motor and Cycle	No.	662,736	1,233,832	358,957	2,224,978	539,500
Wire (Iron and Steel)	tons	106,051	1,833,594	98,755	2,343,471	67,499
Wool, Scoured	lb.	31,246,493	†	37,294,407	†	35,808,116

NOTE.—An extended list of articles manufactured is published in N.S.W. Statistical Register.
* Preliminary—Subject to slight revision. † Not available.

8. Net Value of Production*—Recorded Industries, 1938-39 to 1945-46.

Year.	Rural Industries.				Forests, Fisheries and Trapping.	Mines and Quarries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manu- facturing.	Total.
	Pastoral.	Agri- cultural.	Dairying and Farmyard.	Total Rural Industries.					
1938-39	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939-40	23,613	13,401	13,147	50,161	3,429	9,948	63,538	90,266	153,804
1940-41	34,562	18,076	13,266	65,904	3,658	10,927	80,489	96,609	177,098
1941-42	35,305	11,186	13,368	59,859	4,646	10,233	74,738	115,044	169,782
1942-43	34,121	16,043	12,834	62,998	6,045	12,403	81,446	138,790	220,236
1943-44	38,212	24,444	17,070	79,726	5,507	12,897	98,130	153,582	251,712
1944-45	42,580	27,852	18,112	88,544	7,026	13,158	108,728	162,726	271,454
1945-46	37,452	†17,307	20,080	†74,839	7,048	13,137	†95,024	159,875	†254,899
	34,043	†33,429	21,596	†89,068	8,908	13,116	†111,092	153,179	†264,271

* Represents gross value at place of production less goods used in the process of production e.g., fodder, seed, fertiliser used on farms, and raw materials and fuel in factories.
† To be increased by further payments from wheat pools.

